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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Courtesies extended to Applicant Desai and Applicants' representative during the telephone interview held August 9, 2002, are acknowledged with appreciation.

As discussed during the telephone interview, the present invention is directed to methods for treating hyperplasia in subjects in need thereof. In another aspect of the invention, there are provided methods for reducing neointimal hyperplasia associated with vascular interventional procedures. In addition, there are provided formulations useful in the above-described methods. Formulations contemplated for use herein comprise proteins and at least one pharmaceutically active agent.